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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masanori SAITOH, et al.

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/962,580, filed September 26, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2000-292335	September 26, 2000
Japan	2000-298271	September 29, 2000
Japan	2000-298315	September 29, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/962,580 filed September 26, 2001

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number

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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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